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Erin,

Sounds like we basically use it the same way. We are slowly progressing into the facial recognition aspects of Vintra. We haven't had any huge breakthroughs to this point, however, I think it's because of current case uses. Hopefully that will change this year. We're in the process of discussing how we can expand our database of photos.

On a side note, another facial rec program that we are testing for photos is Clearview AI. We got some good feedback so far. Here's the contact info for their rep:

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Noah,

Thank you for your response! I have just a couple of additional questions.

Our Narcotics Unit is interested in using Vintra for their covert camera footage, and our Criminal Investigations unit for the Motion search of hundreds of hours of random video footage. In our Forensics Lab we have two full time Audio Video Technicians, and 4 Latent print persons who help with Video processing when necessary. The A.V. Techs work most of the criminal video cases (except Narc Unit cases) and requests for body cam and in-car cam footage related to case work. We had some good successes in our Vintra trial, but wondered how well the Facial

Recognition searches worked. Do you have Vintra connected to your Mug Shot database? Do you use the Facial recognition feature from

Smaller groupings of known criminal photos? If so, do you think this feature performs well? Our Mugshot system is DataWorksPlus.

Thank you for your time,

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Erin,

We have been using Vintra for a little over a year now. I believe our case use is a bit different than most other agencies. We generally use it for the review of DVR footage and covert cameras. We've found that using some of the features such as motion detection makes the initial search a little less daunting. Thus, we have a higher success rate of investigators watching the video and actually analysis it. We also like the 400+ codec feature. This helps when people give us random formats that we don't have the software for. There are many other helpful features that we don't currently use. We hope to expand into those areas this year.

As for stats, we don't track any at this time.

If you would like, we could have a quick call at some point to discuss how we use it in more detail.

Thanks,  
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Noah Mohney,

Good Afternoon. My department is considering purchasing Vintra's annual software pkg. We have the okay from the Chief, but he has asked that I reach out to a 'Vintra User' for any input you might have to add to what is displayed on the Vintra website. Do you have any before and after stats that reflect clearances or cost savings from the usage of Vintra? The Chief is asking me for 3 to 5 ways in which we can objectively evaluate its sustained usage by our department. I received your contact information from Courtney Donowho, one of Vintra's Account Executive. Any help you can give me would be very much appreciated.

Thank you,  
Erin Sims, #554

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